COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Third Sitting of the Legislative Session of 1101.

Monday, the 8th of March 1926. / 25th of Kumbham 1101.

The Council assembled, after its adjournment, in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on the 8th of March 1926, corresponding to the 25th of Kumbham 1101. M. R. Ry., Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar Avl., M. A. and B. L., the Diwan of Cochin and the *ex-officio* President of the Cochin Legislative Council, presided.

All the members except Messrs. C. Achyuta Menon, A. Eachara Menon, K. Krishna Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, Poulo Mampilli and H. J. Walmesley were present.

According to the new order made by the President under Standing Order 12, printed copies of questions and answers were for the first time placed on the table *an hour* before the President took his seat, instead of before 15 minutes.

The President's Opening Speech.

PRESIDENT.

Members of the Legislative Council,—we are now to commence the business of the 3rd and final sitting of the first session of the Legislative Council in 1101, and you know that the sitting is to be for five days consecutively. Let me express a hope that it would be possible for us to attend to all the items in the statement of business. (*Hear, hear.*) During my short experience as the President of the Legislative Council, I have been able to see that we would succeed in getting through all the items, except the resolutions. From the very nature of the thing, it is not possible to control or to get through the discussion on the resolutions so easily. The members may have to debate on the subject, matter of a resolution from all points of view, and it must necessarily take some time. Nevertheless, we are doing our best to get through the discussion on as many resolutions as are possible. With these few words, we will now commence the business of the day's meeting, and the first is the answering of the interpellations.

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